SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

SENATOR CROSBY: Good morning and welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our chaplain this morning is our own Harland Johnson.

REVEREND JOHNSON: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Harland. I not call to order the twenty-first day, Monday, February 5, 1996, of the Ninety-Fourth Legislature, Second Session. Roll call.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections this morning, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: I have but one item. Senator Hilgert would like to add his name to LB 1060. That's the only item I have this morning, Madam President. (See page 702 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: We will go to General File, LB 754. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 754, Madam President, a bill originally introduced by Senator Bohlke. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 19, referred to the Education Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Education Committee, Madam President. (See page 599 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bohlke. (Gavel) Senators, would you please keep your conversations down so we may hear the speaker. Senator Bohlke, to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Madam President, members, the committee amendments do become the bill. Actually, it saddens me to present you LB 754, as I predict it will sadden you who will vote green on this bill. We will be sad that LB 754 is necessary, but necessary it is. As graduates with teaching degrees have expanded their horizons, they now apply for jobs in